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In the Application of Ulrich Speer et al

Ser.No.: 10/018,250

Filed: December 14, 2001

For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR COATING AN OPTICALLY READABLE DATA CARRIER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, DC 20231

PETITION AND FEE FOR THREE-MONTH TIME EXTENSION

Sir:

With reference to the above-identified application, and pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a), applicant hereby respectfully requests that this application be granted a three-month time extension to July 8, 2002.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17, enclosed is a check for \$920.00 to cover the requisite fee. It is requested that any fees required or any shortages in any fees due, now or at any time during the examination of this application, be charged to Deposit Account 02-1653.

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